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"It may be mentioned here, as a curious incident, that soon after the execution of King Charles, Cromwell's Government resolved to apprentice Elizabeth Stuart the second daughter of the late King to a "Needlemaker". From the time the Princess was made acquainted with the Government's intention, her spirits became depressed; her health declined, and her demise in 1650, prevented this cruel, and tyrannical resolution being carried into effect."

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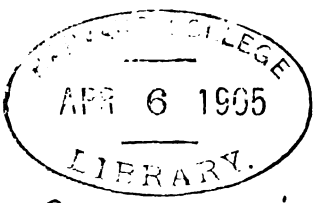

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ALL historians agree as to the great antiquity of the City Companies. As regards their origin, we must be careful in affixing dates. The earliest charter which any of them possess but takes us, after all, to a period when they received a recognition of a certain kind, and their earlier rules and ordinances have, in many cases, perished. Their origin is probably to be sought in those combinations which, in a commercial country like Britain, grew up from influences that for four centuries had been gradually imported from Rome. In so long a period, how great must have been the influence of Roman laws and institutions upon the customs and habits of the people of this country! The 'Collegia' of the Empire were analogous to our present trade corporations; and that they flourished in Roman Britain has been shown by various discoveries which have been made. An inscription found at Chichester immortalises the *Collegium Fabrorum* (Carpenters); another, at Castle Cary, Scotland, the 'Image Makers,' or *Collegium Ligniferorum;* and a third, found at Bath, commemorates the 'Smiths,' or *Collegium Fabriciensium.*

That they survived the Roman occupation and passed down to us through Saxon times has been abundantly proved. Mr. Kemble quotes a defaced charter of Ealhere, of the seventh century, which refers to 'cniahta gealdan;' and Herbert mentions a 'guild of knights' as existing in A.D. 860-866. In Domesday there is mention of a 'guild of clerks' possessing house property in Canterbury. The analogy of such institutions with the Roman 'Collegia' it is unnecessary to go into here; it has been so fully and ably done by Mr. H. C. Coote, F.S.A., in his valuable paper, recently published by the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, entitled *Ordinances of some Secular Guilds of London,* 1354-1496.

JOHN E. PRICE, F.S.A.

Extracted from a contribution to 'Notes and Queries' of September 19, 1874, *by Mr. John E. Price, F.S.A., Citizen and Needlemaker.*

The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers.

THE WORSHIPFUL

COMPANY OF NEEDLEMAKERS.

THE Needlemakers date from the time of Henry VIII.; but a Charter of Incorporation was first granted to the Needlemakers' Company by Oliver Cromwell, as Lord Protector of the Commonwealth, and was dated the 10th day of November 1656. This charter is kept with the other muniments of the Company, and is in excellent preservation. It is engrossed on five large skins of parchment, with a curious portrait of Cromwell, as Lord Protector, on the first skin. Its provisions are similar to that granted subsequently by Charles II., under which the Needlemakers' Company now acts. The Needlemakers' is the only City Company not originally incorporated by a crowned

head. It has these characteristic arms. *Vert:* three needles in fesse *argent*, each ducally crowned *or*. *Crest:* a Moor's head in profile, couped at the shoulders, proper, wreathed about the temples *argent*, and in his ear a pearl (the crest originally was an apple-tree and serpent). *Supporters:* a man and woman (representing Adam and Eve), wreathed round the waist with leaves, all proper; in the woman's dexter hand a needle *argent*. *Motto:* 'They sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons.' Stow tells us that needles were sold in Cheapside in the reign of Queen Mary, and were then made by a Spanish negro, by a secret art; they are also said to have been made in London by a native of India in 1545; and by one Elias Kraus,* a German, in 1566. English needles were first made, or rather finished, in Whitechapel, by one Mackenzie. After the Restoration, the Charter under which the Needlemakers'

* 'The first fine Spanish needles in England were made in the reign of Queen Mary in Cheapside, by a negro; but such his envy that he would teach his art to none, so that it died with him. More charitable was Elias Kraus, a German, who, coming over into England about the eighth of Queen Elizabeth, first taught us the making of Spanish needles; and since, we have taught ourselves the using of them.' FULLER.

Company now acts was granted by Charles the Second. It is dated the 9th day of February 1664, and is to the following effect:

Charles the Second, by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas We are informed by the humble petition of divers Needlemakers in and near our City of London That sundry persons using the trade and mystery of Needlemaking in and near the same our City of London Have for many years past and still do use and practise many abuses and deceits in making of iron needles, and needles of bad stuffs and unworkmanlike, to the great abuse and wrong of the people of this kingdom and the scandal of the said art or mystery of Needlemaking, for the prevention whereof We have been humbly besought to incorporate them into a Body Politique, and to invest them with such privileges and powers as may be meet and necessary for the well ordering and regulating of the same art and mystery. Now know ye that We, taking the premises into our princely consideration, and being desirous to advance the good and benefit of the artists and freemen of the said art and mystery, and for the general good and advantage of all our loving subjects, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, Have ordained, granted, constituted, and appointed, and

by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do ordain, grant, constitute, and appoint That MATTHEW CHANTRELL, JOHN SHIPMAN, WILLIAM WATTS, WILLIAM PRIDE senior, JOHN HANKESTINE, CHARLES BOUROD, JOHN READ, RICHARD TAYLOR, EDWARD WALGRAVE, WILLIAM PRIDE junior, JOHN FLOWER, FRANCIS SHAW, CHRISTOPHER COBSON, HENRY WILLMORE, and ROBERT COLES, citizens of London, being all Needlemakers and Freemen of the said City of London, and all such other persons as now do or hereafter shall or may use the said art or mystery of Needlemaking within the said City of London and ten miles compass thereof, for ever hereafter be and shall be, by virtue of these presents, one Body Corporate and Politique in deed and in name, and shall have continuance and perpetual succession for ever, by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London; And that they and their successors shall be for ever hereafter persons able and capable in the law to purchase, have, receive, and enjoy manors, messuages, lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises, and other hereditaments whatsoever, of what kind, nature, or quality soever they be, to them and their successors in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, or years, or otherwise, in what sort soever, * * * the statute of Mortmain or anything therein contained, or any other act or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also all manner of goods, chattels, and things whatsoever, of what name, nature, or quality soever they be; And also to give, grant, sell, assign, alien, set over, and dispose of any of the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, at their wills and pleasures. And that they and their successors by that name shall and may be able to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in what court or courts soever, and before any judge or justice and other persons and officers of Us, our heirs and successors, whatsoever, in all and singular actions, pleas, suits, plaints, matters, and demands of what kind, quality, or sort soever. And also to do, perform, and execute all such acts and things whatsoever, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as any other Body Politique or Corporate within this our Kingdom of England or Dominion of Wales can or may act or do. And further, that they, the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, and their successors, shall and may for ever hereafter have a Common Seal to serve and use in and for all causes, matters, and affairs whatsoever of them and their successors; And that it shall and may be lawful to and for them and their successors to break, alter, and make new the said Seal from time to time at their wills and pleasures. And further, We Will and ordain, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said

Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, and their successors for the time being, full power and authority to assemble themselves and meet together from time to time in some convenient place within the said City of London where they shall think most meet, and then and there they shall and may elect and choose of the said art and mystery, in manner and form hereafter in these presents mentioned, a meet person who shall and may be called the Master of the said Company; And also then and there elect and choose two other of the said Company, in manner and form hereafter mentioned, who shall be and shall be called the Wardens of the said Company; And also then and there nominate, elect, and choose twelve other meet persons of the same Society, in manner and form hereafter in these presents expressed, who shall be and shall be called the Assistants of the said Company, who from time to time shall be aiding and assisting to the said Master and Wardens for the time being in all causes, matters, or things touching or concerning the said Company; And also that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and their successors for the time being, or any five or more of them, having obtained a Warrant from the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the time being, and with the assistance of a constable or any other lawful officer, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, and at all convenient times, peaceably and quietly to enter into the house, shop, or warehouse of any member of the said

Society, or other person employed by him, there to search, prove, and see whether the Needles made, sold, or put to sale, or offered to be made, sold, or put to sale, by him or them, be made of good and sufficient materials, and well and duly made and wrought; and such as shall be found not to be made of good and sufficient materials, and well and duly made and wrought, to seize upon and carry away, to the end the same may be duly examined and tried by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the major part of them, and disposed of as they shall think fit. And further, We do grant for Us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London for the time being, that they * * * shall and may have full power and authority by virtue of these presents to make, ordain, constitute, appoint, and set down from time to time such reasonable laws, acts, orders, ordinances, and constitutions in writing as to them * * * shall seem fit, good, and convenient according to their best discretion, as well for and concerning such fit and legal oaths as shall be requisite to be administered to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any other of the said Society, for touching and concerning the good rule and government of the said Company, or any of the Members thereof, as for the punishment and reformation of such deceits and abuses as shall from time to time be practised, either in uttering or making bad and deceitful Needles by any member

of the said Society, or any other employed by him, within the said City of London, or any other place or places within the limits aforesaid. And also to provide and limit such reasonable pains, penalties, and punishments, either by fines, amerciaments, or any other lawful ways or means whatsoever, upon all offenders or breakers of such acts, orders, ordinances, and constitutions, as to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants * * * shall think fit. And that the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, and their successors, shall and may, by virtue of these presents, have and take the same by distress, action of debt, or other lawful ways or means whatsoever; the said fines and amerciaments to be and remain to the use of the said Society and their successors, without let or hindrance of Us, our heirs or successors, or without the giving or rendering any account or other thing to Us, our heirs or successors, in that behalf. All such acts, ordinances, and constitutions so as aforesaid to be made We Will shall be observed, obeyed, performed, and kept, under the pains and penalties therein to be contained, so as always such acts, orders, ordinances, constitutions, fines, and amerciaments be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary, but as near as may be agreeable, to the laws and statutes of this Kingdom and to the custom or usage of our said City of London. And for the better execution of this our Grant, We have created, assigned, named, constituted, and appointed and made, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do create, as-

sign, name, constitute, make, and appoint the said MATTHEW CHANTRELL to be the first and present Master of the said Company, who shall continue in the said office from the date of these presents until the Thursday next following the Nine-and-twentieth day of September now next ensuing, if he shall so long live and well behave himself in the said office, and from thenceforth until one other of the said Society shall be chosen and sworn in to the said office of Master in due manner, according to the ordinances and provisions in that behalf in these presents mentioned and expressed, He, the said MATTHEW CHANTRELL, taking his corporal oath for the due and faithful execution of the said office or place. * * * And also We have assigned, named, constituted, and made, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do assign, name, ordain, constitute, and make the said JOHN SHIPMAN and WILLIAM WATTS to be the first and present Wardens of the said Company; And that they, and either of them respectively, shall continue in the said office from the day of the date of these presents until the said Thursday next following the aforesaid Nine-and-twentieth day of September now next coming, if the said JOHN SHIPMAN and WILLIAM WATTS, or either of them respectively, shall so long live, and shall well demean themselves in their said offices or places respectively, and from thenceforth until two others of the said Society shall be duly chosen and sworn in to the said office of Wardens of the said Company, according to the ordinances

and provisions herein expressed and declared; They, the said JOHN SHIPMAN and WILLIAM WATTS taking their respective corporal oaths * * * And We likewise have assigned, named, constituted, appointed, and made, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do assign, name, constitute, and make the said WILLIAM PRIDE senior, JOHN HANKESTINE, CHARLES BOUROD, JOHN READ, RICHARD TAYLOR, EDWARD WALGRAVE, WILLIAM PRIDE junior, JOHN FLOWER, FRANCIS SHAW, CHRISTOPHER COBSON, HENRY WILLMORE, and ROBERT COLES to be the first and present Assistants of the said Company, whom We Will shall continue in the said office of Assistants during their natural lives, unless they, or any of them respectively, shall be removed for misbehaving of themselves in their said office, or some other just and reasonable cause, They and every of them taking their respective corporal oaths * * * for the faithful execution of their said place of Assistants * * * And We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the said art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, and their successors, That the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company for the time being * * * from time to time for ever hereafter, shall have full power and authority yearly and every year, at and upon the Thursday next following the Nine-and-twentieth day of September, to elect and nominate one of the Wardens or Assist-

ants for the time being to be the Master of the said Company for one whole year thence next ensuing, and until one other of the said Wardens or Assistants shall be elected and sworn according to the ordinances and provisions in these presents expressed and declared; And that such person as shall be so chosen and named unto the said office of Master of the said Company, before he be admitted to execute the same, shall take his corporal oath * * * to execute the said office rightly, well, and faithfully in all things touching the same. And that after such oath so as aforesaid taken, shall have and exercise the said office for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and until one other shall be duly elected and chosen in his place, or elected according to the provisions in these presents contained * * * And likewise that at the same time of electing the said Master as aforesaid, the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company for the time being * * * shall and may also elect, choose, and nominate two other of the Assistants of the said Society, which shall be and shall be called the Wardens of the said Company for one whole year thence next ensuing, and until two others of the said Assistants be duly chosen, elected, and sworn in to the said office of Wardens of the said Company, according to the ordinances and provisions hereinafter declared and expressed; And that such persons as shall be so chosen and named unto the said office of Wardens of the said Company, before they be admitted to execute

the same, shall take their respective corporal oaths * * * well and duly to execute the said office in all things touching the same. And that after such oath so as aforesaid taken, the said persons shall and may execute the said offices for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and until two others shall be duly elected and chosen in their places and stead, according to the provisions in these presents contained * * * And further We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do grant to the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, and their successors, That if the Master and Wardens of the said Company, now and for the time being, or any of them, at any time after they shall be elected and chosen into his and their office and offices, shall happen to die or be removed from his or their said office or offices, which said Master and Wardens, and every of them, for ill government, or for any other just and reasonable cause, We Will from time to time shall be removed * * * that then, and so often in any of those cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being * * * at their wills and pleasures, one other or others of the Assistants aforesaid to be Master, Warden, or Wardens of the said Company, in the place or places of him or them so deceased or removed, to elect and choose, according to the orders and provisions before in these presents expressed and declared, to execute and exercise the said

office of Master, Warden, or Wardens of the said Company until the Thursday after the Nine-and-twentieth day of September then next following, and then and from thenceforth until some other meet person and persons shall be elected and sworn to be Master and Wardens of the said Company respectively as aforesaid. Nevertheless We Will that every Master and Warden of the said Society to be nominated and elected in the place or places of him or them so dying or being removed, from time to time for ever, before he shall be admitted to the execution of the said office, shall take his corporal oath * * * well, rightly, and faithfully to execute the said office in and by all things respectively touching and concerning the same * * * And further We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do grant to the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, and their successors, That whensoever it shall happen any of the Assistants of the said Company now and for the time being do die or be removed from his said office, which said Assistants, and every of them, for evil government, or for any just and reasonable cause, We Will from time to time be removed by the greater part of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the art and mystery aforesaid for the time being, that then and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them, at their wills and pleasures, to elect and ordain one other

or others of the said Society, being meet person or persons, to be Assistant or Assistants in the place or places of him or them deceased or removed, according to the orders and provisions before in these presents expressed and declared, to execute and exercise the said office of Assistant or Assistants during his or their natural life or lives, in manner and form aforesaid. Nevertheless We Will that every Assistant of the said Society so to be nominated and elected in the place or places of him or them so dying or removed shall from time to time, before he or they be admitted to the execution of his office of Assistant, take his and their corporal oath * * * And also We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, and their successors, full power and authority that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company for the time being * * * shall and may from time to time nominate, elect, choose, and constitute one fit and meet person to be Clerk of the said Company, to serve for the affairs of the said Society; and one other fit and meet person to be Beadle of the said Company, to be serviceable and attendant on the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, and all matters touching the same. And the said Clerk and Beadle, and either of them, for reasonable and just cause, to displace and remove, and other persons in their place or places, at the discretion of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater part of them, for

the time being, to choose and elect, which said Clerk and Beadle so elected and ordained, before they be admitted to the execution of their said offices, shall take their corporal oaths * * * well, faithfully, and honestly to demean and behave themselves in the execution of the said offices respectively * * * And for the better discovery of the false, deceitful, and insufficient works belonging to the said art or trade, We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do ordain and firmly charge and command, That no person or persons whatsoever from henceforth within the said City of London, and ten miles' compass of the same, do use, exercise, or practise the said art or mystery of Needlemaking unless he or they shall first have served as an apprentice or apprentices for the space of seven years at the least unto a Freeman of the said Company, or some other person or persons lawfully using or exercising the said art or mystery of a Needlemaker, according to the statute in that behalf made and provided, upon pain of being proceeded against for his or their contempt thereof, according to the laws and statutes of this our Realm. And We, well weighing and considering that the good order and honest practice of the art or mystery aforesaid will conduce much to the benefit and good of the people of this Kingdom, and that the members thereof being under the government of the City of London, the offenders in the said trade are like to be more effectually dealt withal, and punished according

to their demerits, and those that do use and exercise the same as they ought to do the better comforted and nourished, We hereby declare our will and pleasure to be that the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London for the time being do cause and allow these our Letters Patents to be enrolled within the Common Chamber of the said City, amongst the records thereof, to the intent that those that are and shall be Freemen of London and Members of the said Society of Needlemakers may be subject to the government of the said City, and may enjoy the benefit thereof. And further, We Will, ordain, and grant for Us, our heirs and successors, by these presents, to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, and their successors, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants * * * for the time being to take and admit into the same Society such persons as they shall from time to time think fit, and as shall desire to become members of the same Society * * * And furthermore, We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do firmly charge and command all and singular Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and other officers and ministers of Us, our heirs and successors, to whom it shall appertain, That from time to time they be and shall be aiding and assisting to the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, and the Deputy and Deputies of the said Master and Wardens for

the time being respectively, whom We do hereby give full power and authority to make and constitute under the Seal of the said Company, with full power and authority to make searches, and act and do all things in their places and stead, as fully and amply as they may respectively do or perform by virtue of and according to the intent of these presents, in the due execution of these our Letters Patents, in and by all things according to the true intent and meaning thereof. And moreover, We Will, and by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, Do grant to the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, and their successors, that these our Letters Patents, or the enrolment of the same, and all and singular matters and things therein contained from time to time, shall be good, sufficient, firm, and effectual in the law in all things and by all things, according to the true intent thereof, and shall be expounded and construed chiefly, beneficially, and largely to the greatest profit, benefit, and advantage of the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, and their successors * * * In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. Witness ourself at Westminster the Ninth day of February, in the Sixteenth year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,

HOWARD.

After the granting of the Charter, a voluminous code of Bylaws was submitted to and sanctioned by the Lord High Chancellor (the famous Earl of Clarendon), the Lord Chief Justice of the Pleas (Sir Robert Hyde), and the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (Sir Orlondo Bridgman). These Bylaws have never been repealed, and the Worshipful Company of Needlemakers has still the technical right to enforce their provisions. It will be observed that these are of a very sweeping character, and that power to distrain upon an offender's goods is given to the Company. The right of search in the City, and within ten miles thereof, and the power of fining every vendor of Needles, the make of whose goods is not approved by the Master and Wardens; the restrictions upon teaching the art of Needlemaking, and upon taking apprentices; the penalties for profane swearing, and for even hawking Needles; and the conditions under which alone a Needlemaker is permitted to instruct his own son, having been all sanctioned by the Lord

Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justices of England, could only (as the Needlemakers' Company is advised) be disallowed by similar high authorities. Any question, however, as to the actual or existent validity of these laws would only be raised on the Master and Wardens exercising their privileges of Fining and Distraint—a contingency of which there is no immediate likelihood.

The following extracts from the Bylaws show their general tenor :*

To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come, EDWARD EARL OF CLARENDON, Lord High Chancellor of England; Sir ROBERT HYDE, Knt., Chief Justice of the Pleas to be holden before His Majesty; and Sir ORLONDO BRIDGMAN, Knt. and Bart., Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, send greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Whereas by Act of Parliament made in the nineteenth year of the reign of the late King of famous memory, Henry after the Conquest the Seventh, it was amongst other things enacted, That no Masters, Wardens, and Fellowship of Crafts or Mysteries, nor any of them, nor any rulers of Guilds or Fraternities, should take upon them to make any acts or ordi-

* The Bylaws, if given in full, would have filled this volume.

nances, nor to execute any acts or ordinances, by them before that time made, in disinheritance or diminution of the King's prerogative, nor of other, nor against the common profit of the people, unless the same acts or ordinances were examined and approved by the Chancellor, Treasurer of England, and Chief Justice of either Bench, or three of them, or before both the Justices of Assize in their circuit or progress in the shire where such acts or ordinances be made, upon pain of forfeiture of Forty pounds for every time that they do the contrary, as by the said Act of Parliament more plainly it doth and may appear, The Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London, desiring the said act in every behalf to be observed and kept, the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and sixty-four, have exhibited to us a certain petition with this present writing, containing the good orders, rules, and ordinances by them devised and made for the said Society and their successors, and made for the wholesome and good rule and government of the said Society of Needlemakers; and thereupon have instantly desired us that we would peruse and examine the said orders, rules, and ordinances, as the said act made in the said parliament requireth, and approve the same; whereupon, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, we have perused the said orders, rules, and ordinances, the tenor whereof ensueth and followeth, viz.

The Search for Needles.

Also it is ordained, that as well the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being, or any two of them, together with two or more of the said Society, as also that the sworn deputies, to be appointed from time to time under the common seal of the said Society by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants aforesaid, or the greater part of them, shall and may from henceforth in every year, when and so often as they or any of them shall think fit and convenient, have full power and lawful authority at convenient times in the daytime, and in the presence of a constable, to enter and come into all manner of houses, shops, warehouses, and all other places whatsoever, where any needles are made or shall be made or wrought by Needlemakers or others using the same art, and then and there may view, search, try, prove, and see all and every such wares and workmanship appertaining or belonging to the art aforesaid, whether the same be well and artificially made and wrought, and whether the same be made and wrought of good stuff and materials, without fraud or deceit, or contrary to any the lawful orders, acts, ordinances, and constitutions made or to be made by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them, of which the Master and one of the Wardens to be two; and every

offender that shall offend contrary to this present ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the use of the said Society the sum of Twenty-six shillings and eightpence of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater part of them, shall think fit. And that also every person and persons that shall or doth resist, deny, disobey, trouble, hinder, or molest, the said Master and Wardens and their lawful deputies as aforesaid, or any of them, in any of their search or searches hereafter to be had or made, shall forfeit and pay to the said Master and Wardens, to and for the use of the said Society, for every such his, her, or their resisting, denying, disobeying, troubling, hindering, or molesting, Five pounds of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as he, she, or they, by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants aforesaid for the time being, or the greater part of them, whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two, shall be thought fit and ordered to pay for the same offence.

Time limited for Young Men coming out of their Apprenticeship before they shall take an Apprentice.

Also it is ordained that no person or persons which now or hereafter shall use or exercise the said art or mystery of a Needle-maker shall at any time or times hereafter retain, keep, or have

any apprentice or apprentices until such time as he hath been out of his time of apprenticeship and a freeman of the said Company by the space of three years, and make his proof piece as is hereafter expressed; nor shall to or for his own proper gain, profit, or advantage profess, exercise, or manage the same mystery as a master thereof, or to take any apprentice, until such time as he shall, for the trial and approbation of his skill in the same trade, have made and wrought in the presence of the Master or Wardens for the time being, or such person or persons as by them or any two of them shall be appointed for that purpose, five hundred needles of such sorts and sizes as by the Master and Wardens for the time being, or any two of them, shall be to him or them in that behalf prescribed, and upon the finishing of the same needles shall present them to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Society for the time being, or the greater part of them; and that every person upon such approbation shall pay to the Master and Wardens aforesaid, to and for the use aforesaid, the sum of Ten shillings of lawful money of England, and to the Clerk of the said Company for the time being One shilling and sixpence, and to the Beadle thereof Twelvepence. And that every person or persons that shall offend in any point contrary to this ordinance shall forfeit and pay for every offence, to and for the use aforesaid, to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being, Five pounds of lawful money of England, or such less sum

of like money as by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them, shall be adjudged and thought fitting.

The Number of Apprentices whereof each Freeman is capable.

Also it is ordained that no person or persons free, or which hereafter shall be free, of the said Company, nor any other person or persons which now do or hereafter shall use the art or mystery of Needlemaking within the limits aforesaid, that hath borne or which hereafter shall bear the office, room, or place of Master or Warden, or Assistant or Assistants of the said Company of Needlemakers, shall have, retain, keep, or employ above the number of two apprentices at the most at one time; and that no person but such as shall be chosen to the office of Master, Wardens, or Assistants to keep two apprentices as afore is mentioned; and they, the Master, Wardens, or Assistants, not to take any more unless the term of one of his or their said apprentices be within six months of expiration or determination. And that no other person or persons which shall hereafter use or exercise the art or mystery of Needlemaking within the said City of London, and ten miles' compass of the same, that hath not borne such office or offices as aforesaid, shall have, retain, and keep at one time more than one apprentice, unless the term or terms of the apprenticeship or apprenticeships of such apprentice or apprentices shall be within

one year of the expiration or determination of the said term or terms; and that every person or persons which shall offend in any point contrary to this present ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Society, to and for the use aforesaid, the sum of Five pounds of lawful money of England for every month that he, she, or they shall keep, have, or retain any apprentice contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present ordinance, or such less sum of like money as by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them, shall be adjudged and thought fitting.

Against Enticements of an Apprentice out of his Service.

Also it is ordained that no person or persons now using, or which hereafter shall use, the same trade of Needlemaking, or which now is or hereafter shall be free of the same Company, shall entice, seduce, persuade, intreat, procure, receive, take, or entertain into his or their service or house the apprentice of any man or woman now or hereafter using the same trade, or being of the same Company, unless the term for which every such apprentice is respectively to serve be fully ended, or unless it be otherwise ordered by the Master and Wardens of the said Company and their Assistants, or the greater part of them, for the time being; and that every person that doth or shall offend contrary to this

present ordinance shall forfeit and pay, for the use aforesaid, for every such offence, to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being, Three pounds of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as shall be adjudged and thought fitting as aforesaid.

Against teaching the Trade to any other than to Apprentices.

Also it is ordained that such person or persons which now or hereafter are or shall be free of the said Company, or which now do or hereafter shall use or exercise the art or mystery of Needlemaking within the limits or places before mentioned, or any of them, that shall by any manner of means whatsoever teach, instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, or endeavour by any colour or otherwise to teach or instruct any person or persons whatsoever other than his apprentice or apprentices (to be by him or them lawfully bound, according to the laws of this Kingdom and custom of the City of London), the trade, mystery, craft, art, or occupation of Needlemaking, or any skill, knowledge, workmanship, or thing thereunto in any manner of wise belonging or appertaining, shall for every such offence in that behalf forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the Company aforesaid for the time being, to and for the use of the said Society, the sum of Ten pounds of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as by the

Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company aforesaid, or the greater part of them, for the time being, shall be adjudged fitting.

Not to strike the Mark on Ordinary Needles.

Also it is ordained that no person or persons whatsoever which now do or hereafter shall use the said art within the limits aforesaid, or be free of the said Company, shall at any time or times hereafter strike or set any mark or stamp upon any sort or size of ordinary needles, for that it is a means to delude and deceive the buyers of the same, they thinking and many times taking them to be of the best sort of needles in respect of the mark or stamp is set on them as aforesaid; and every person or persons as aforesaid that shall offend contrary to this ordinance shall forfeit and pay for every offence to the Master and Wardens aforesaid, to and for the use of the said Society, the sum of Twenty shillings of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as shall be thought fitting and adjudged by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater number of them.

Against Swearing, Reviling, and the like.

Also it is ordained that if any person which now doth or hereafter shall exercise the same art within the limits aforesaid, or any

that now are or shall be free of the said Company, shall at any time or times hereafter, in the common hall or meeting place of the said Society, or at any other meeting of the said Society, take the name of the Lord God in vain by rash, wilful, or misadvised swearing, cursing, or blaspheming, or shall at any time scandalise, defame, speak evil of, revile, or deride, or otherwise abuse or wrong the said Company or Society, or any member of the same Company, either in word, deed, or otherwise, that then every such person offending in any point contrary to this ordinance, and being thereof by his own acknowledgment or confession, or by other sufficient proof of one or more witnesses, detected, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the said Master and Wardens of the Company aforesaid for the time being, to and for the use of the said Society, the sum of Thirteen shillings and fourpence of lawful money of England, or such less sum of like money as by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater number of them, shall be adjudged fitting.

Against the employing of Unskilful and Unfit Persons.

Also it is ordained, for the reformation of the great abuses already grown, and which are like daily to grow and increase, by employing unskilful and unfit persons, as women and young girls, in the art and mystery of making of needles, and that by reason of their unskilfulness therein there hath been a great number of bad insuf-

ficient needles made and put to sale, and for that by reason of the weakness of their sex they are not able to perform so laborious a work as to the beginning and ending thereof is required, It is ordered and ordained that no man or woman whatsoever using the art and mystery of Needlemaking within the City of London and ten miles' compass thereof shall hereafter take any woman, maid, or girl to be his, her, or their apprentice to the said art, nor shall employ or set at work any woman, maid, or girl other than the widows of those men who in their lifetimes had used the said art by the space of seven years at the least; and that every such widow so set at work shall be presented at the Hall, before the Society at a Court, to the intent that care may be taken for all such poor widows as their several necessities shall require, upon pain to forfeit Ten pounds of lawful money of England to the use of the Master, Wardens, and Society of the art and mystery aforesaid for every maid, girl, or woman that shall be taken apprentice contrary to this order; and Five shillings of like money for every day wherein any (using the art and mystery aforesaid within the limits aforesaid) shall offend by setting any woman or womankind at work contrary to the true meaning of this order.

To Distrain upon all Offenders' Goods.

Also it is further ordained that all and every the penalties, forfeitures, and sums of money aforesaid appointed to be lost and

forfeited (other than such as are specially limited and appointed to be to the use of the poor) shall be to the use of the said Society; and that for the due levying, obtaining, or recovery thereof it shall and may be lawful to or for any person or persons lawfully thereunto authorised, under the seal of the said Society, to distrain and take and carry away a reasonable distress of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders, if, upon request or demand at the house of the offender or to his person, he shall not satisfy and pay the sum and sums of money so as aforesaid forfeited; and if after such distress taken the party offending shall not pay the sum for which such distress was so taken within twenty days after such distress so taken, the party so offending shall forfeit and pay for such default the sum of Five pounds current money to the said Master and Wardens, to the use of the said Society, to be recovered by the said Master, Wardens, and Society in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, if the party for whose default such distress was taken do not in the mean time agree with the said Master and Wardens for the same.

Against Hawking.

Also it is ordained, that to the intent that His Majesty's liege people may not be privately and secretly deceived with bad and deceitful needles, that no person free of the said Company, or that now doth or hereafter shall use or exercise the art, trade, or

mystery of Needlemaking, shall hawk up and down the City of London, or in any other place or places within ten miles' compass thereof—that is to say, going into inns, private houses, or ale-houses, or any suchlike places, or in common streets or ways, to proffer or cause to be proffered any sort of needles to sale other than to needlemakers, milliners, and haberdasher shops, which are the only usual places where needles are publicly and lawfully bought and sold; and if any person or persons shall do anything contrary to this ordinance, he or they shall forfeit and pay for every such his, her, or their offence the sum of Two pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence of lawful English money to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Needlemakers of London, or such less sum of like money as by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater number of them, shall be adjudged fitting.

Not to instruct or set a Son at Work without Binding.

Also it is ordained that none of the said Society shall instruct his son in the art and occupation of Needlemaking, nor set him on work in the same, unless he first bind him an apprentice at the Hall of the said Society in form aforesaid; and that such son's apprenticeship be not made to begin before he be fourteen years of age at the least; and that such son so to be bound shall be

accounted one of the number of apprentices which every member of the said Society is allowed to keep, upon pain to forfeit Twenty shillings of lawful money of England for every month wherein he shall offend in setting such son on work contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance.

No Member of the said Company to buy or sell any Insufficient Needles.

Also it is ordained that if any member of the said Society do openly or secretly buy or procure of any person or persons any needles made of iron or other bad stuff, or unworkmanlike wrought, and do sell or offer to put them to sale, or employ any other to sell or offer them to sale, to any of His Majesty's liege people, either in the City of London and liberties thereof, or in any fair or market-place or places of His Majesty's realm of England and dominion of Wales, the party so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the Society aforesaid, to the use of the Society aforesaid, the sum of Ten pounds of lawful money of England for every time any one shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance, or suchlike less sum as by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater number of them, for the time being, shall be adjudged and thought fitting.

Which said ordinances, in manner and form afore specified, at the request of the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the aforesaid art and mystery of Needlemakers, by the authority of the said Act of Parliament, we, the said Lord High Chancellor and Chief Justice of either Bench, have examined, and the same ordinance and ordinances do, by these presents, as much as in us is and as far as we lawfully may, ratify, allow, and approve. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and put our seals this Twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord God, according to the computation of the Church of England, One thousand six hundred sixty-and-four.

L.S. CLARENDON, C.

L.S. ROBT. HYDE.

L.S. ORLL. BRIDGMAN.

The Company consists of two classes, namely, Freemen and Liverymen; and females are eligible for the freedom.

The Municipal rights of the Livery of this Company were granted by an order of the Court of Aldermen, dated the 17th day of March 1712, made upon the report of a Committee of Aldermen, which was as follows:

HOARE, MAYOR.

Martis xvij Die Martij 1712, Anno qr. R. Rne. Anne Magne Britannie, &c. Duodecim.

This day the Committee appointed to consider the desire of the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers to have a Livery, did deliver into this Court a Report in writing under their hands touching the same, the tenor whereof is as followeth (that is to say):

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.

In obedience to an order of this honourable Court of the Tenth of February last, we whose names are subscribed, being appointed amongst others to consider the petition of the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the art or mystery of Needlemakers of the

City of London to have their Company created and made one of the Livery Companies of this City, Do humbly certify that we have met and heard the petitioners, and examined the matter of their said petition, and do find that the said Company was first incorporated by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, bearing teste the Tenth of November One thousand six hundred fifty-and-six, which said Charter was enrolled pursuant to an order of this Court (grounded upon a report of a committee), dated the Twelfth of March following.

We find that the said Company afterwards obtained another Charter of Incorporation, bearing teste the Ninth day of February, in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Charles the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred sixty-and-four, which is also enrolled amongst the records of this City, pursuant to an order of this Court made the Eighth of March in the same year, which said order doth confirm the before-mentioned report and order made the Twelfth of March One thousand six hundred fifty-and-six.

We also find that the said Company, pursuant to the power granted them by the last-mentioned Charter, made several bylaws and ordinances, which were confirmed the Twentieth of June One thousand six hundred sixty-and-four, under the hands and seals of the then Lord Chancellor and Lords Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, pursuant to an act of parliament in that

case made, amongst which bylaws there is one to this effect: That the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, or the greater part of them, should and might call, nominate, choose, and admit into the livery and clothing of the said Company, out of the Commonalty of the said Society, such persons as they should think meet. But the said Company never presumed to take upon themselves a clothing, that bylaw not having the authority and approbation of this honourable Court, which hath the undoubted right of creating and constituting the Livery Companies.

By which before-mentioned Charter and order of this Court it doth appear that Needlemaking was anciently esteemed to be a very useful and necessary occupation and manufacture; and forasmuch as we are credibly informed there are divers eminent and worthy citizens free of this City that are free of that Company and no other, and are a sufficient number to make up a competent Livery, we are humbly of opinion that it will conduce much to the benefit of the said Company, be an encouragement to the Needlemaking manufacture (which of late years is greatly improved beyond what is done in any foreign parts), and be an advantage to the public, in that it will oblige and render their members capable to contribute and assist on all public occasions in the state and service of this City, that the said Company be created and made a Livery; but we propound that the said Livery may be granted

to them under the qualifications and conditions following, viz. That no member of their Company who is of the clothing of any other Company of this City shall be of the Livery of their Company before he be translated from such other Company openly in this Court, according to the ancient custom of this City; and that they be enjoined to a constant attendance upon the Lord Mayor upon all public solemnities; and lastly, that their Livery shall not at any time exceed fifty in number,—all which, nevertheless, we humbly submit to the grave wisdom and consideration of this honourable Court. Dated this Tenth day of March One thousand seven hundred and twelve.

WM. WITHERS. J. WARD.
GILBERT HEATHCOTE. JNO. CASS.

Which being here read, is well liked and approved by this Court, and ordered to be entered in the repertory, and accordingly performed. And it is further ordered, That the attorneys in the outer Court do take care that precepts be sent to the said Company of Needlemakers upon all future occasions as to other Livery Companies of this City.

GIBSON.

It appears by the books of the Company that the number of persons admitted to the freedom thereof, from 1775 to the present time (October 1874), has been 2162. Of these, 44 have been females; and amongst other eminent persons who have been admitted to the Livery may be mentioned the Right Hon. James Maitland Earl of Lauderdale (of the 'Cabal' Ministry), who was admitted on the 21st day of June 1797; and George Grote the historian, and Member of Parliament for the City of London.

The persons admitted from 1775 to 1800 (25 years) numbered	870
From 1800 to 1825 (25 years) . . .	997
From 1825 to 1850 (25 years) . . .	223
From 1850 to the present time . . .	72
Total number admitted during the last 100 years	2162

In 1798 the Court of the Needlemakers' Company resolved that one hundred guineas be given as a voluntary contribution towards the subscription then open at the Bank for the defence of the country.

The number of the Livery during the last quar-

ter of a century began to decline; but in the year 1873 the Company was revived by the admission of several members; after which an application was made to the Court of Aldermen for an increase of the Livery, and that Court thereupon, by an order dated the 24th day of March 1874, granted an additional number of fifty, making the total number of the Livery of this Company one hundred. The order of 1874 is as follows:

LUSK, MAYOR.

A Court of Mayor and Aldermen, holden in the Inner Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of London, on Tuesday the 24th day of March 1874, and in the 37th year of the reign of Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, &c.

The Committee of the whole Court for General Purposes did this day deliver into this Court a Report in writing under their hands, on the reference of the 20th of January last, on the petition of the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Needle-makers' Company for an increase in the number of their Livery, and recommending that the number of their Livery be increased from fifty to one hundred, which was read in these words:

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.

We (whose names are hereunto subscribed) of your Committee of the whole Court for General Purposes, to whom, on the 20th of January 1874, it was referred to consider the petition of the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Company of Needlemakers of the City of London for an increase to the number of their Livery, Do certify that we were attended by Mr. George H. Cole, the Clerk of the Company, who was heard and examined in respect of the several allegations contained in the said petition, and we find that on the 17th day of March 1712 your honourable Court ordered that the Company of Needlemakers should be created, but that their Livery should not at any time exceed fifty in number; that the number of the Livery is confined to fifty as ordered by your honourable Court; and that many highly respectable persons are desirous of becoming members of the Company and of being admitted on the Livery. It also appears that by an order of the 16th February 1874 of the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Company, No person shall be elected on and admitted to the Livery of the Company except in open Court, or by special order of the Court; and that the fees payable on admission to the Freedom and Livery should be as follows, viz.

On admission to the Freedom by Redemption . .	£5 10 0
On admission to the Livery	19 19 0

That we, your Committee, duly considering these circumstances, are of opinion that an increase of the number of the Livery will be beneficial to the Company, and we therefore recommend your honourable Court to increase the number of their Livery from fifty to one hundred, upon condition that they do not at any time exceed that number; that the admission to the Livery be in accordance with the terms of the order of the Court of the Company of the 16th February 1874; and that the fees on admission should not be less than those as stated above.

All which we submit to the judgment of this honourable Court. Dated this 14th day of March 1874.

THOS. GABRIEL.	W. F. ALLEN.
SYDNEY H. WATERLOW.	ROB. W. CARDEN.
D. H. STONE.	ROBERT BESLEY.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE.	J. C. LAWRENCE.
THOS. S. OWDEN.	F. WYATT TRUSCOTT.
C. WHETHAM.	THOMAS Q. FINNIS.

Which Report was well liked and approved by this Court, and ordered accordingly.

MONCKTON.

The Company celebrated the increase to their Livery at a banquet held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the 2d June 1874; and the following interesting report is extracted from the *City Press* of the 6th June 1874:

THE NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.

The members of this Company dined on Tuesday evening at the Albion. The Master, Mr. J. C. CROUCH, presided; and amongst those present were:

Right Hon. A. S. AYRTON.
Mr. J. C. PARKINSON, Senior Warden.
Alderman Sir T. DAKIN.
Mr. Alderman and Sheriff WHETHAM.
Colonel FRANCIS BURDETT, J.P.
Mr. R. C. BAXTER.
Sir JOHN HERON MAXWELL.
F. W. H. RAMSAY, M.D. (of Inveresk).
Sir CHARLES M'GRIGOR, Bart.
Major-General HUGHES.
Rev. H. BARBER.
Mr. Justice GLOVER.
Mr. GEORGE BIDDER, Q.C.
Mr. F. MCCLEAN, C.E.
Captain BEDFORD PIM, R.N., M.P.
Mr. G. W. BROWN.
Mr. Æ. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C.
Mr. J. B. MONCKTON.
Mr. J. T. NELSON.
Mr. P. H. LAWRENCE.
Mr. G. SCHARF, F.S.A.
Mr. W. H. HOLT, C.E.
Mr. B. P. BIDDER.
Mr. G. RUSSELL.
Mr. H. CROUCH.
Sir ALBERT W. WOODS, *Garter*.
Mr. G. W. ELLIOT, M.P.
Mr. H. WALTON, F.R.C.S.
Mr. H. WALTON jun.
Mr. PHILBRICK, Q.C.
Major HARDING, F.R.G.S.
Mr. EDMUND YATES.
Mr. W. P. FRITH, R.A.
Mr. O. HANSARD, F.R.I.B.A.
Mr. R. GREY.
Mr. A. B. COOK.

Mr. C. TAYLOR.
Mr. SOULSBY.
Mr. A. LAMB.
Mr. GAGE, J.P.
Mr. WEBB, C.E.
Mr. LATIMER CLARK.
Mr. CORNELIUS WALFORD, F.S.S.
Mr. BRABROOK.
Mr. J. E. PRICE.
Dr. J. H. PAUL.
Dr. J. B. PAUL.
Dr. AMBLER.
Mr. W. H. SMITH.
Mr. J. C. AYRES.
Mr. J. KING.
Mr. R. G. GLOVER.
Mr. HENRY GREENE, C.C.
Mr. JOHN HERVEY.
Mr. T. FENN.
Mr. C. M. PHILLIPS.
Mr. OWEN ROBERTS, M.A.
Mr. P. WILLIAMS.
Mr. L. MORRIS.
Mr. MACKENZIE.
Mr. J. EVANS.
Mr. C. H. DRIVER, F.R.I.B.A.
Mr. G. BROOKS.
Mr. C. MORTON.
Mr. G. H. COLE, Clerk to the Company.

After dinner the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, Dr. RAMSAY proposing 'The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces,' for which Major-General HUGHES, Captain BEDFORD PIM, M.P., and Colonel BURDETT briefly responded.

Mr. J. C. PARKINSON, the Senior Warden, then rose and said: Master and Gentlemen,—As many years have elapsed since the Needlemakers' Company had the honour of entertaining the Lord Mayor and Corporation, and as the duty of proposing their healths has been intrusted to me, it may not be inconvenient if I state very briefly the present position of the Company, and our reasons for great and special gratification at seeing leading members of the

Corporation present as our guests. The Needlemakers of to-day are revivalists, and something more. In religion, I have heard, it is the pervert or convert, as he goes from or comes to you, who makes the warmest zealot. In politics, we know that it is the turncoat who has least tolerance for the principles he has deserted, and who is the most fanatical advocate for the new opinions he has espoused. This being so, it may be that when men of mature age and established positions, clothed—thanks of course to the beneficent interposition of the Needle—clothed, and in their right minds, become possessed with a fierce desire to become citizens of London, who know no rest until they have achieved that end, and who now, exulting in their new privileges, tender homage to the Corporation as the guardian of those privileges—it may be, I say, that such men will make more stanch allies, and more enthusiastically loyal subjects, than those who have been born, bred, and dandled into civic life, and to whom its rights and immunities are things of course. Not long ago, a compact body of such men as I have described, having decided in solemn conclave that they would become citizens, Liverymen, and supporters of the Corporation, next looked about them to see into which of the City Companies they should seek admission. They regarded themselves as a tolerably representative body, and they asked, with unconscious arrogance, which was the most select Company of all, and how long it would be, after admission, before

they might reasonably expect to have a share in its government and inner life. They found that in the Company they fancied most, their turn to occupy the master's chair would arrive, at a moderate computation, about one hundred and fifty years after they were all in their graves. Not relishing this cheerful prospect, they resumed their researches, prosecuted them with patience and with infinite labour, and at length, after rejecting many opportunities, discovered the Needlemakers' Company, the selectness of which exceeded their wildest hopes, for it consisted of a nominal Livery, and of two members of the Court. They knocked respectfully at its door, and were received in due form, and, let me add, without any unseemly diminution of pomp, by the present Master and the one Warden, who, I regret to say, has since retired. They then began to look about them, to see how they could best be useful to the Company, and, through it, to the Corporation. They found themselves possessed of an ancient charter, and that many quaint and curious privileges were theirs by law. They found that this charter was conferred by Oliver Cromwell (the only one in the City which was conferred by him); and that it was confirmed after the Restoration by Charles the Second—a circumstance which proved to them that the early Needlemakers were men of the world, who were wise enough in their generation to transfer their loyalty as rulers changed. If the question which agitated certain cliques in England some years ago—'Shall Cromwell have a statue?'—ever be repeated, I trust it will

be answered in the affirmative, and the reason given—he founded the Needlemakers' Company. But to return to the newly elected of a few months back. They found they had the ancient plate you see before you, and they found that they also possessed snug little properties of various kinds. Feeling themselves pretty strong, they decided that they would endeavour to promote technical education, and immediately put themselves in correspondence with some of the leading manufacturers of needles with that view. They decided also that they would so far adapt the Company to the requirements to which they were accustomed as to regulate and place the same restrictions upon admission to it as are in vogue in all good clubs. No one can be proposed now as a Needlemaker until his attainments, his position, and his claims to that honour have been rigidly scrutinised. And if it is allowed that he be proposed, he must then run the gauntlet of a ballot by the Court. We have in this way secured men of eminence in their several walks, and kept the tone and standing of the Livery uniform. I should mention, gentlemen, that we could not have done this but for the assistance and kindly coöperation of the Court of Aldermen, for the Livery was originally limited to fifty, and though it had not met for many a year, it existed on paper, and we could not prove its vacancies. But the Court of Aldermen granted the petition we sent in, and increased our number on the Livery from fifty to one hundred. Only to-day the Company's clerk has seen at his

residence in Cumberland-street, Hyde-park, a Liveryman who was made a Needlemaker in 1811—Mr. Griffiths, who is a magistrate of two counties, Middlesex and Monmouthshire, and who is also (a more important distinction this) the Father of this Company. In former years the Earl of Lauderdale, of the 'Cabal' ministry, was a Needlemaker, and at a comparatively recent date Grote the historian was made a member of this Company. After some years of obscurity and decadence, it has started a new life, and is firmly reëstablished. It is certainly not a political organisation, and it is important this should be understood, as we have heard that the contrary was believed, and that one objection to permitting us to increase our Livery was that our object was to manufacture votes. We are none of us insensible to the privilege of having a vote for the City of London, but the political-organisation theory is disposed of by the circumstance that the two political parties happen to be equally represented, both in our Livery and in our Court. We claim to be representative, because we number on our roll men who have achieved distinction, and because every form of intellectual bread-winning, and nearly every phase of public life, including both Houses of Parliament, is, or will shortly be, represented there. Such, gentlemen, is the modern history of the ancient Company of Needlemakers. I spare you a dissertation upon the importance of the Needle as an agent of civilisation, though it does occur to me, as I glance round this table, how

seriously its brilliant and dignified aspect would be affected if all the Needle has done for those present were to be suddenly torn away; and if a chaste nudity were to be the only external characteristic of public assemblies of our countrymen. We have only to picture to ourselves a Lord Chancellor or an Archbishop discharging the functions of his high office with nothing on but his wig, to realise at once the vitally important part played by the Needle in the ceremonies and observances most honoured by mankind. But, gentlemen, this is beside the question. The renewed youth of this Company, its hopes and aims, together with the social forces it represents, form the votive offering I now, as its Senior Warden, tender to the Lord Mayor and Corporation, whose health I call upon you to drink heartily, coupled with the name of Alderman Sir Thomas Dakin.

Alderman Sir THOMAS DAKIN, in responding, expressed his satisfaction at finding that the members of the Company had shown as they had their determination to uphold the ancient Corporation of London, and to advance the privileges and principles of municipal government. He considered that thanks were due to the Lord Mayor for the admirable manner in which he had acquitted himself in his position, and for the great kindness and the hospitality he had displayed, and for the great attention he had given to the duties of his high office. He believed the Corporation fully merited the confidence of all, and that it would long continue to do so.

The Right Hon. A. S. AYRTON said that the position of the Company that evening reminded him of the story of a man who was buried alive, and who, upon being pulled out of his grave, was asked what he would like, when he said he wanted something to eat; and certainly the Needlemakers had determined to satisfy all their friends in this direction. This corporation, he thought, was likely to flourish more than any other, for it was not necessary to be actually engaged in the manufacture of Needles to secure admission; all that was wanted being that a man should have a good eye and be tolerably sharp, and he was quite sure there would be an adequate supply of members with these qualifications. All present would receive the toast he had to propose with unqualified approbation, and join him in wishing that the Needlemakers' Company might flourish for ever, and in expressing their willingness at any future time to have such evidence as they had then enjoyed of its flourishing.

The toast having been heartily received, Mr. HENRY GREENE, C.C., proposed 'The Health of the Master' in highly eulogistic terms, observing that that gentleman had taken up his freedom in the Company in 1827, become a member of the court in 1848, warden in 1850, and master in 1852, since which time he had oscillated between the offices of Master and Warden, until they now saw him in his present proud position.

Mr. CROUCH returned thanks in a few well-chosen sentences, and then gave 'The Healths of the Sheriffs of London and Mid-

dlesex,' coupling the toast with the name of Mr. Alderman and Sheriff WHETHAM, who expressed the satisfaction with which he, as master of one of the City companies, regarded the efforts that had been so successfully made by the Needlemakers.

Mr. T. FENN, in proposing 'The Health of the Wardens,' expressed his deep regret at the absence of Sir George Elliot, and paid a high compliment to Mr. Parkinson, the Senior Warden, for the force of character and untiring energy displayed by him in bringing about the resuscitation of this Company. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Fenn observed that the case of the Needlemakers was not an isolated one, for other companies had been in a similar position to that which they had recently emerged from; and it was now certain that the Needlemakers would progress as they had done.

Mr. PARKINSON briefly responded, and Mr. MCINTYRE, Q.C., then gave 'The Visitors,' for whom Sir HERON MAXWELL replied; and the proceedings were brought to a close by a few graceful sentences from Mr. COLE, the Clerk of the Company, whose health was proposed in cordial terms by the Master.

THE ELECTION OF THE MASTER FOR 1874-5.

The Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants met on Thursday, the 1st October 1874, at the Guildhall, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Company, and for the election by ballot of Master and Wardens for the ensuing year. The records of the Company show this duty to have been performed on this anniversary since the granting of the Charter by Charles II. in 1664, which provides (see page 17) that 'the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company for the time being, * * * * and from time to time for ever hereafter, shall have full power and authority yearly and every year, at and upon the Thursday next following the 29th day of September, to elect and nominate one of the Wardens or Assistants for the time being to be the Master of the said Company for one whole year thence next ensuing.' Also (see page 19), 'That at the same time of electing the said Master as aforesaid, the said Mas-

ter, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company for the time being * * * shall and may also elect, choose, and nominate two other of the Assistants of the said Society, which shall be and shall be called the Wardens of the said Company.'

In accordance with these provisions the Court proceeded to ballot for the office of Master, when the votes were found to be unanimously in favour of the then Senior Warden,

JOSEPH CHARLES PARKINSON, Esq.,

who had been nominated in very kindly terms by the retiring Master, J. C. Crouch, Esq., who subsequently received the cordial thanks of the Court for his hearty coöperation in the work of reviving the Company. Mr. Parkinson was thereupon installed and proclaimed Master of the Worshipful Company of Needlemakers for the year 1874-5.

The ballot was then taken for the office of Senior Warden, which was found to be unanimously in favour of the then Junior Warden,

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.

The ballot was then taken for the office of Junior Warden, which was found to be unanimously in favour of the Citizen and Needlemaker whose name stood at the head of the list of Assistants,

FREDERICK WILLIAM HUTCHINSON RAMSAY, Esq., M.D. (of Inveresk).

Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., and F. W. H. Ramsay, Esq., M.D., were then proclaimed as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively of the Worshipful Company of Needlemakers for the year 1874-5.

These changes were duly recorded by the *City Press;* and on the 10th October 1874 the following article appeared in its columns, proving that journal to be familiar with the recent history of the Company:

THE NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.

The cause of the 'revival' of this Company is rather curious. A body of gentlemen, composed of members of Parliament and of the learned professions, were a few years ago prosecuting inquiries, for a public purpose, into the ancient rights and privileges of the City. There were then, as now, anticipations of alterations in

the government of the City and of London; and an investigation at once searching and comprehensive was set on foot, those inaugurating it being bent on ascertaining the real merits of a case peculiarly subject to misapprehension. The history of the twelve great Livery Companies and the well-known Report to Parliament were the texts from which these gentlemen worked; but they accumulated a vast amount of independent information, in the acquisition of which they satisfied themselves of the inherent usefulness of the Livery Companies, and of their adaptability to the requirements of the present day. It may not be said, as Balak said, that they were called in to curse and remained to bless; but it is at least significant that these investigators became anxious to obtain the rights of Liverymen and Citizens, and that they are now among the firmest supporters of the City's municipal and other privileges.

After a comprehensive survey, the Needlemakers' Company was picked out as the one combining the greatest advantages with the fewest drawbacks; and after protracted negotiations, Mr. J. C. Parkinson, of the Reform Club (who was installed as Master of the Needlemakers on Michaelmas-day), was received by the then existing Court of the Needlemakers, and was followed by the whole of the gentlemen interested in the inquiry above named. These included Conservatives and Liberals alike, for amongst them were such names, besides Mr. Parkinson's, as Mr. Æneas McIntyre, Q.C.; Mr. Philip Henry Lawrence (barrister-at-law, solicitor to

her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings); Sir Charles Bright, the late Liberal member for Greenwich — all of the Reform Club; Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., the Conservative member for North Durham; Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., M.P., the Conservative member for Gravesend; and Mr. G. W. Elliot, M.P., the Conservative member for Northallerton. Besides these, the Livery is composed almost exclusively of professional men, who came in a compact body, filling at once, and by friendly arrangement, every vacancy on the Livery and Court. The Needlemakers then applied to the Court of Aldermen for permission to increase their Livery by fifty, which was granted; and though unusual restrictions have been placed upon admission, no one being deemed eligible unless possessing the social and other qualifications which are looked for in candidates for a good club, the enlarged limit has been nearly reached.

In the whole history of the City there is, perhaps, nothing more indicative of the stability and value of its institutions than that an independent and impartial body of gentlemen should have, not without considerable trouble and pains, marched shoulder to shoulder through Temple Bar, and acquired the rights of citizenship and the virtual possession of an ancient and respectable Company, for the purpose of aiding, by their votes and influence as citizens, in all matters affecting the City's welfare.

The compact completeness of the proceedings forms another

distinctive feature. The provisions of the ancient Charter granted by Oliver Cromwell and confirmed by Charles II., the municipal rights, and the property of the Needlemakers, had been jealously guarded in spite of its quietly unobtrusive existence of late years, and all the new-comers had to do was to fill up an outline which was as distinct as it had ever been. This they have accomplished so effectually as to suggest a previous organisation, which must have been marvellously minute. The new citizens seem to have sprung into existence fully armed, like Minerva from the brain of Jupiter, and to have fallen into their places with the precision of military drill. The Mastership, to which Mr. J. C. Parkinson has just been elected; the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, to which Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., and Dr. Ramsay of Inveresk, have been elected; the Court of Assistants, the Livery, the General Purposes Committee, the Trustees of the Company's property,—are all as firmly established as if the gentlemen filling these several offices had been Liverymen of the Needlemakers for years. Apart from other considerations, some of the completeness of this reorganisation is due to its having been taken in hand by men accustomed to act together, and to acknowledge leadership in another not unimportant social institution. It is leading members of the ancient and honourable fraternity of Freemasons who have reconstituted the Court and Livery of the Needlemakers' Company.

The Company is possessed of some valuable antique plate.

The whole of the Company's funds are now invested in approved public securities, in the names of four trustees, namely, JOSEPH CHARLES PARKINSON, Esq., Master; JOHN CORDY CROUCH, Esq., Past Master; THOMAS FENN, Esq., a member of the Court of Assistants; and GEORGE HENRY COLE, Esq., Clerk to the Company.

The Company's bankers are the LONDON JOINT-STOCK BANK; and all cheques must be signed by the Master and one of the Wardens, and countersigned by the Clerk.

The Company's brokers are Messrs. FENN and CROSTHWAITE, 6 Princes-street, Bank.

The mode of admission to the Company is as follows: The name and qualifications of any gentleman seeking to become a Needlemaker, and who has been first proposed and seconded by two members of the Court, are submitted to the Master or to the Senior or Junior Warden, one of whom must give his approval in writing. Upon this being received

by the Clerk of the Company, G. H. Cole, Esq., of 1 Church-court, Clement's-lane, the candidate is duly admitted to the Freedom of the Needlemakers' Company, after having made the usual declaration. He is then accompanied to the Guildhall by the Clerk of the Company, where he makes application to the Court of Aldermen for admission to the Freedom of the City as a Needlemaker. When this is granted he makes the usual declaration at the Chamberlain's office, Guildhall; and thereupon the Freedom of the City is presented to him. After this the candidate is eligible for election on the Livery. This takes place (when there are vacancies) by ballot by the Court of Assistants, and at such time as the Court thinks fit, after the freeman has sent in his application through the Clerk to be admitted on the Livery of the Company.

THE DECLARATION OF EVERY FREEMAN.

I of

do declare that I will be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, her Heirs and Successors; and be just, true, and faithful in my art, trade, or calling. I will at all times hereafter be obedient to the lawful commands of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this my Company; I will not neglect or disobey the lawful summons of the said Master and Wardens, and their Successors, which shall from time to time be given or left in writing for me, without I have a reasonable and lawful cause and excuse. And for my own part I will well and truly observe, perform, and keep all and every the good, lawful, and wholesome rules, orders, ordinances, and constitutions made or to be made for the rule and government of this my Company. In these and in all things I will well and honestly demean and behave myself to my uttermost power, and so far as God shall give me grace.

Dated 18

LIST OF FEES.

	£	s.	d.
Fees for Freedom on Redemption . .	5	10	0
Fees on Election on Livery . . .	19	19	0
Fees on Election on Court of Assistants .	11	11	0
Fees on Election to Junior Warden's Chair	3	3	0
Fees on Election to Senior Warden's Chair	3	13	6
Fees on Election as Master . . .	5	15	6

Authority is granted for a substantial addition to the above amounts, and the several fees quoted are about to be increased accordingly.

A List of the Court of Assistants.

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OF

THE COURT OF ASSISTANTS.

Master.*

JOSEPH CHARLES PARKINSON 1873

60 Gracechurch Street, E.C.; 23 Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.; and Manor House, Collier's Wood, Merton, Surrey.

Senior Warden.*

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P. 1873

1 Park Street, Park Lane, W.; 23 Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.; and Houghton Hall, Durham; and Aberaman House, Glamorgan.

Junior Warden.*

FREDERICK WILLIAM HUTCHINSON RAMSAY (of Inveresk), M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.G.S. 1873

15 Somerset Street, Portman Square, W.

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* For *status* and legal rights of the Master and Wardens, see pp. 11 to 41.

Assistants.*

JOHN CORDY CROUCH (Past Master) 1827
33 Grafton Street East, London University, W.C.

ÆNEAS JOHN MCINTYRE, Q.C. 1873
Temple; and Belsize Park, Finchley, N.W.

PHILIP HENRY LAWRENCE 1873
12 Whitehall Place, S.W.; and Fearegg House, Wimbledon Park, Surrey.

THOMAS FENN 1873
6 Princes Street, Bank, E.C.; and 14 Bedford Square, W.C.

SIR CHARLES TILSTON BRIGHT, Knt., F.R.G.S. 1873
Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.; and 20 Bolton Gardens, S.W.

EDWARD BRAINERD WEBB, C.E., F.R.G.S. 1873
Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.; and The Boltons, South Kensington.

CHARLES HARDING (Major), F.R.G.S. 1873
52 Springfield Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.

HENRY GREENE, C.C. 1873
16 & 17 King William Street, E.C.; and Greville Lodge, Greville Road, Kilburn, N.W.

JOHN EVANS 1873
134 Fenchurch Street, E.C.; and The Green, Stratford, E.

* For the number, *status*, and rights of the Assistants, see pp. 18, 21, and 22.

RUDOLPH GUSTAVUS GLOVER 1873
8 Barnard's Inn, E.C.

HENRY HAYNES WALTON, F.R.C.S. 1873
1 Brook Street, Hanover Square, W.

PETER WILLIAMS . . . . . .
5 Bank Buildings, E.C.; and 17 Norfolk Crescent, Oxford Square, Hyde Park, W.

Clerk.

GEORGE HENRY COLE 1864
1 Church Court, Clement's Lane, E.C.

OFFICES: 1 CHURCH COURT, CLEMENT'S LANE, E.C.

A List of the Livery

ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.

A LIST OF THE LIVERY*

ACCORDING TO THEIR SENIORITY.

	Date of admission on the Livery.
William Skeggs Francis	Jan. 19, 1819
John Perch	Dec. 12, 1820
James Price	Dec. 24, 1820
John Price	Feb. 20, 1821
Moses Edward Legg	Dec. 6, 1823
William Collingwood	Oct. 12, 1824
Henry Hurst	May 11, 1825
William Henry Swift	Jan. 10, 1826
John Cordy Crouch	Mar. 13, 1827
William Jagon Rathbone	Oct. 10, 1827
Charles Henry Strachan	Dec. 11, 1827
George Dawkins	Feb. 17, 1829
Robert Turner	Mar. 10, 1829
William Griffiths, J.P.	Jan. 6, 1830
Robert Henderson	Feb. 4, 1830
Daniel Stephen Edwards	Feb. 26, 1830

* For the number and constitution of the Livery see pp. 44, 45, and 49.

	Date of admission on the Livery.
Isaac George James	Mar. 10, 1831
Frederick Richard Preston	Aug. 9, 1841
George Legg	June 28, 1842
George Andrews	June 26, 1843
John Fletcher	July 10, 1844
John King	Sept. 4, 1846
John Beaumont	Feb. 23, 1849
Thomas Christopher Ayres	June 2, 1853
John Richard Lambert Walmisley	April 5, 1862
Joseph Charles Parkinson	Nov. 22, 1873
Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.	Nov. 22, 1873
Frederick William Hutchinson Ramsay (of Inveresk), M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.G.S., &c.	Nov. 22, 1873
Æneas John McIntyre, Q.C.	Nov. 22, 1873
Philip Henry Lawrence	Nov. 22, 1873
Henry Haynes Walton, F.R.C.S.	Nov. 22, 1873
Thomas Fenn	Nov. 22, 1873
Sir Charles Tilston Bright, Knt., F.R.G.S.	Nov. 22, 1873
Edward Brainerd Webb, C.E., F.R.G.S.	Nov. 22, 1873
Charles Harding (Major), F.R.G.S.	Nov. 22, 1873
Henry Greene, C.C.	Nov. 22, 1873
John Evans	Nov. 22, 1873
Rudolph Gustavus Glover	Nov. 22, 1873
Owen Roberts, M.A.	Nov. 22, 1873
Peter Williams	Nov. 22, 1873
Nathaniel McNair	Nov. 22, 1873
John Hayball Paul, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin.; F.R.C.S.	Nov. 22, 1873

	Date of admission on the Livery.
Benjamin Horatio Paul, Ph.D.	Nov. 22, 1873
Vincent Ambler, M.D.	Nov. 22, 1873
Edward Brailsford Bright, C.E.	Mar. 31, 1874
William Lyster Holt, C.E.	April 7, 1874
Robert Grey	May 11, 1874
Charles Henry Driver, F.R.I.B.A.	May 13, 1874
George William Elliot, M.P.	May 19, 1874
Octavius Hansard, F.R.I.B.A.	May 19, 1874
William Hunter	May 29, 1874
Charles Marshall Phillips	May 29, 1874
Charles Taylor	May 29, 1874
George Brooks	May 30, 1874
George Russell	June 1, 1874
William Henry Smith	June 1, 1874
Frank McClean, C.E.	June 1, 1874
Edward William Brabrook, F.S.A.	June 2, 1874
John Edward Price, F.S.A.	June 2, 1874
Cornelius Walford, F.S.S.	June 2, 1874
Arthur Bott Cook	June 2, 1874
Alfred Lamb	June 2, 1874
John Johnasson	June 2, 1874
Bartholomew Parker Bidder	June 2, 1874
Bedford Clapperton Trevelyan Pim, Capt. R.N., M.P.	July 27, 1874
Charles Duerdin Perrott	July 27, 1874
John Gibson, V.P.R.I.B.A.	July 27, 1874
Francis Burdett, Colonel, J.P.	July 28, 1874
John Anthony Rucker	July 28, 1874

	Date of admission on the Livery.
William Mackenzie	July 29, 1874
Thomas Wells, M.R.I.B.A.	July 31, 1874
Alfred William Ray	Oct. 9, 1874
Henry Munday Clark	Oct. 13, 1874
Samuel Harman	Oct. 13, 1874
Cavendish Charles Boyle	Oct. 1874

Alphabetical List of the Livery.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE LIVERY.*

AMBLER, VINCENT, M.D.,
Colville House, Colville Square, Bayswater, W.

ANDREWS, GEORGE,
61 Fort Road, Bermondsey, S.E.

AYRES, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER,
28 Great Bath Street, Clerkenwell, E.C.

BEAUMONT, JOHN,
2 Willow Bridge Road, Canonbury, N.

BIDDER, BARTHOLOMEW PARKER,
Gresham House, Old Broad Street, E.C.; and Waunceirch, Neath, Glamorganshire.

BOYLE, CAVENDISH CHARLES,
6 Princes Street, E.C.; and 13 Portman Street, Portman Square, W.

BRABROOK, EDWARD WILLIAM, F.S.A., Barrister-at-Law,
Temple, E.C.; and 28 Abingdon Street, Westminster, S.W.

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BRIGHT, SIR CHARLES TILSTON, Knt., F.R.G.S.,
Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.; and 20 Bolton Gardens, S.W.

BRIGHT, EDWARD BRAILSFORD, C.E.,
26 Duke Street, Westminster, S.W.

BROOKS, GEORGE,
25 Trinity Square, Brixton, S.W.

BURDETT, FRANCIS, Colonel, J.P.,
Ancaster House, Richmond Hill, Surrey.

CLARK, HENRY MUNDAY,
38 Cow Cross Street, Middlesex, E.C.

COLLINGWOOD, WILLIAM,
East Cottage, Coborn Road, Bow, E.

COOK, ARTHUR BOTT, Barrister-at-Law,
The Albany, Piccadilly, W.

CROUCH, JOHN CORDY,
33 Grafton Street East, London University, W.C.

DAWKINS, GEORGE,
33 Riley Street, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.

DRIVER, CHARLES HENRY, F.R.I.B.A.,
5 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.; and The Lodge, Harrow Road, Dorking.

EDWARDS, DANIEL STEPHEN,
16 Basinghall Street, E.C.

ELLIOT, SIR GEORGE, Bart., M.P.,
1 Park Street, Park Lane, W.; 23 Great George Street, Westminster; and Houghton Hall, Durham; and Aberaman House, Glamorgan.

ELLIOT, GEORGE WILLIAM, M.P.,
1 Park Street, Park Lane, W.; and Langton Hall, Northallerton, Yorkshire; and Penshaw House, Penshaw, Durham.

EVANS, JOHN,
134 Fenchurch Street, E.C.; and The Green, Stratford, E.

FENN, THOMAS,
6 Princes Street, Bank, E.C.; and 14 Bedford Square, W.C.

FLETCHER, JOHN,
77 Darwin Street, Old Kent Road, S.E.

FRANCIS, WILLIAM SKEGGS,
3 Pemberton Gardens, St. John's Park, Upper Holloway, N.

GIBSON, JOHN, V.P.R.I B.A.,
13 Great Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.

GLOVER, RUDOLPH GUSTAVUS,
8 Barnard's Inn, E.C.

GREENE, HENRY, C.C.,
16 & 17 King William Street, E.C.; and Greville Lodge, Greville Road, Kilburn, N.W.

GREY, ROBERT,
19 Water Lane, Tower Street, E.C.; and 41 Russell Square, W.C.

GRIFFITHS, WILLIAM, J.P.,
34 Great Cumberland Street, Hyde Park, W.; and The Wilkin, Linfield, near Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

HANSARD, OCTAVIUS, F.R.I.B.A.,
8 Argyle Place, Regent Street, W.

HARDING, CHARLES, Major, F.R.G.S.,
52 Springfield Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.

HARMAN, SAMUEL,
Headingley House, Palmer's Green, Middlesex.

HENDERSON, ROBERT,
Alpha Cottage, Washington Road, Norbiton.

HOLT, WILLIAM LYSTER, C.E.,
7 Great Winchester Street Buildings, E.C.

HUNTER, WILLIAM,
60 Gracechurch Street, E.C.; and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HURST, HENRY,
16 New Gravel Lane, Shadwell, E.

JAMES, ISAAC GEORGE,
9 Ann Street, New North Road, Islington, N.

JOHNASSON, JOHN,
18 Leadenhall Street, E.C.; and Sussex Square, Hyde Park, W.

KING, JOHN,
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